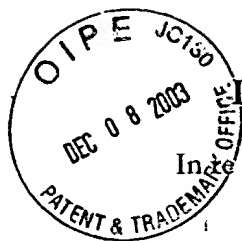


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Richard S. Ginn et al.

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Tissue and Apparatus and Methods for
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application. If an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe's Deposit Account No. 150665 for any fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may have been overlooked and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account No. 150665.

Respectfully submitted,

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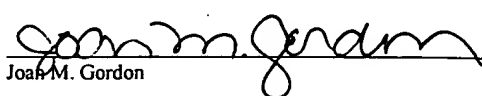
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2003, please amend the
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